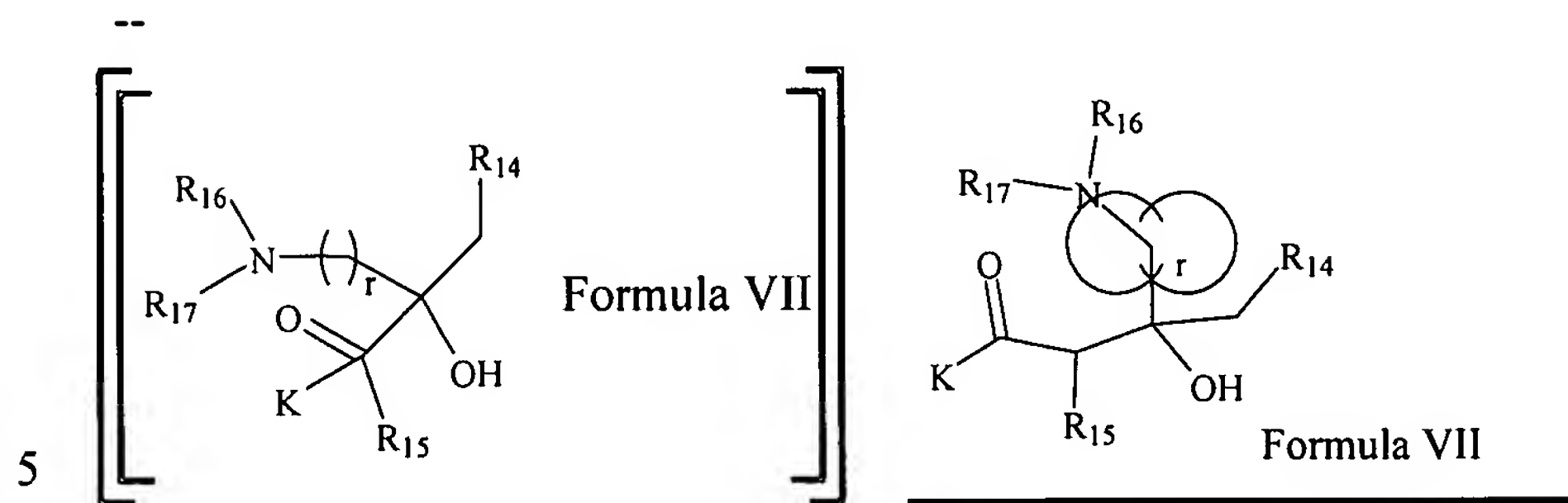


## AMENDMENT TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the paragraph on page 8, lines 6-16 with the following paragraph:



wherein:

K is as defined above;

r is an integer from 1-3;

- 10      R<sub>14</sub> and R<sub>15</sub> are the same or different and each is aryl optionally substituted with one or more groups selected from -OH, -NH<sub>2</sub>, -SH, halogen, a heterocyclic ring and hydrocarbyl. R<sub>14</sub> and/or R<sub>15</sub> are unsubstituted in some embodiments and in other embodiments each is a benzene ring optionally substituted with one or more hydrocarbyl groups and/or halogens; and
- 15      R<sub>16</sub> and R<sub>17</sub> are the same or different and each is hydrocarbyl or a heterocyclic ring. In particular embodiments, R<sub>16</sub> and R<sub>17</sub> are the same or different and each is lower alkyl.--